



Josephine County Board of Commissioners
Simon Hare, Commissioner

June 20, 2011

Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I write to you today as a Josephine County Commissioner to express my support for the AT&T/T-Mobile merger and I respectfully urge your approval of the transaction. The benefits associated with the merger are significant for Josephine County, as well as for much of rural America.

Josephine County is located in southwestern Oregon. Our county has all the hallmarks of a former center for gold-mining – mountains, rivers, natural beauty, few towns and sharing a border with the state of California. Our modern-day economy depends as much upon cellular networks and wireless broadband as it does upon Interstate 5. AT&T's proposal to reach over 97% of the American people with 4G LTE within a few years by combining networks with T-Mobile and additional investments is important and persuasive. Rural America depends on this kind of investment, this level of service and these kinds of opportunities.

I simply ask you to allow American companies to continue to invest in this country and its people. Our economy and our future depend upon it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simon H. Hare".

Simon Hare
Josephine County Commissioner

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